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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: INTERVIEW

____ The Examiner is thanked for conducting a telephone interview on February 13, 2008. Claim 7 has been amended as proposed as discussed with the Examiner, as arguments for patentability are presented below along the lines discussed with the Examiner. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully consider the arguments presented below, which clearly point out how the present invention distinguishes over Ihara et al.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claim 7 has been amended only to clarify that the feature of the present invention whereby the relation table relates the obtained information file to a picked up image file of an object. And it is noted that this feature was already recited in independent claims 1, 13 and 16 (see claim 1 at lines 3-7, claim 13, line 4, and claim 16, lines 3-4). No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 7, 13 and 16-18 were again rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by JP 2000-287184 ("Ihara et al"), and all of the other pending claims were again rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of Ihara et al, taken singly or in combination with one or more of USP 6,917,968 ("Nakamura") and USP 6,449,617 ("Quinn et al"). These rejections, however, are again respectfully traversed.

According to the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16, a relation table relating an obtained information file to a picked up image file of an object is created, so that information files related to the image files may be read easily based on the relation table.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action dated November 15, 2007, the Examiner asserts that Fig. 17 of Ihara discloses a URL table which stores a relation between information files (i.e., URLs) and image files. It is respectfully pointed out, however, that Fig. 17 of Ihara et al (which is in the Japanese language) in fact merely discloses a table relating "Global 2D Codes" (i.e., bar codes) and URLs. And it is respectfully submitted that "Global 2D Codes" are not image files of an object.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that, contrary to the Examiner's assertions, Ihara et al does not disclose, teach or suggest creating a relation table relating an obtained

information file to a picked up image file of an object, as according to the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16.

Again, it is respectfully pointed out that Ihara et al merely discloses picking up and detecting a 2D bar code on a television receiver and then retrieving a URL of a home page relating to the television program being shown on the television receiver. And it is respectfully submitted that the method of obtaining and displaying television program related information disclosed in Ihara et al has nothing to do with the image pickup device, image recording method and image recording system of the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the other cited references also fail to disclose, teach or suggest creating a relation table in the manner of the present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16, as well as each of claims 2 and 4-5, 8-12, 14-15 and 17-19 respectively depending therefrom, all clearly patentably distinguish over Ihara et al, taken singly or in combination with any of the other prior art references of record, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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